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July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

United States: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2007, totaled 104.8 million head, slightly below the 105.2 million on July 1, 2006 but 1 percent above the 104.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were down slightly from the 42.6 million on July 1, 2006 but unchanged from two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.4 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2005. Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were unchanged from July 1, 2006 but up 1 percent from two years ago. Other class estimates on July 1, 2007 and the changes from July 1, 2006, are as follows: all heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.6 million, unchanged;

beef replacement heifers, 4.7 million, down 6 percent; milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, up 3 percent; other heifers, 8.0 million, up 3 percent; steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, down 1 percent; bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged; calves under 500 pounds, 28.7 million, down 1 percent; all cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, down 2 percent.

The 2007 calf crop is expected to be 37.4 million, down slightly from 2006 and 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006 and 2005.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2006-2007

Class	United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
All Cattle and Calves	1,000 Head 105,200	1,000 Head 104,800	Percent 100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,600	42,500	100
Beef Cows	33,450	33,350	100
Milk Cows	9,150	9,150	100
	2006	2007 ¹	2007 as % of 2006
Calf Crop	37,567	37,400	99

¹ Preliminary.

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